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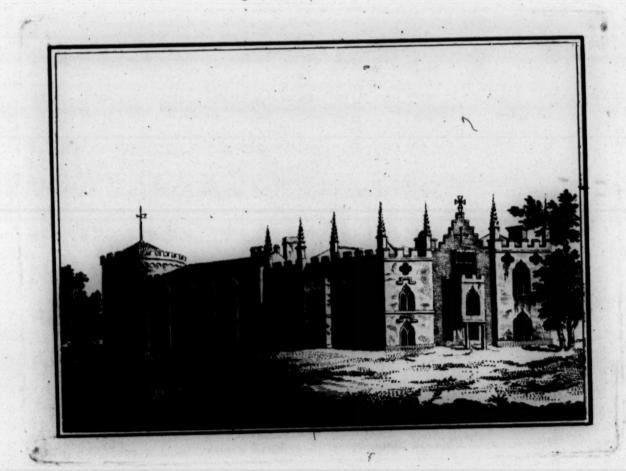
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POEMS

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COUNTESS TEMPLE.



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ONG had been loft enchanting Sappho's Lyre, It's gracefull warblings, and it's tender fire. No more the guardians of th' Aonian well To wanton hands wou'd trust their facred shell. When wand'ring careless o'er the tunefull hill, When wand'ring thoughtless of th' inspiring rill, Chance guided TEMPLE to the fecret shade, Where the shy fifters had the music laid. It's form unufual caught her curious eye; She touch'd it, and it murmur'd melody. Across the chords an artless sweep she flings; Airs, vernal airs, return the vocal strings. Again her fingers o'er the lines she throws; Spontaneous numbers from her touch arose. Surpriz'd she hears th' unmeditated lay; Pleas'd and furpriz'd, repeats th' harmonious play:

" Whence

- "Whence flow these numbers undesign'd?" she cries.
- "Those numbers are your own," the Lyre replies.
- "The feeds of genuine Poefy, tho' unknown,
- " By parent Phœbus in your foul were fown:
- " Too modest to expect the growth you see,
- "To wake them into life you wanted me."

JANUARY 26th, 1764.

HORACE WALPOLE.

VERSES



VERSES

Written in 1756, on

Lady ELIZABETH KEPPEL

Putting her hood over her face, like a veil, in the temple of Venus at Stowe.

In Coquetting with Mars, to regard things below.

The

The goddess, in rage, puts her doves to her car .---

- " Tho' late in the ev'ning I'd go twice as far
- " To drive the wretch thence from prophaning my walls;
- " None shou'd ever turn nuns except those who have calls:
- " And those who have calls, to Diana belong,
- " (There's no danger a croud to her altar shou'd throng.")
 She alights at the temple, "Why how now? she crys,
- " Turn nun with that skin, with that hair, and those eyes!
- " To me be devoted, I'll soften their look:
- " My maxims are eafily learnt without book.
- " A train of admirers shall follow your nod:
- "A goddess yourself; --- each admirer a god."--The maiden looks down, and replies with a blush,
- " I pretend to no beauty .-- the goddess crys, 'hush;
- " No excuse will I take; no great matter I ask;
- " I never lift those that can't equal the task."---

Then smiling retires, to the nymph bids adieu.

Away gallop the doves and fet off with a coo.

Eliza accepts the good omen with joy .---

Refolv'd for the future she'd not be too coy.

APOLLO's

APOLLO'S ROUT.

POLLO facetious and merry, no doubt The Muses to please, had a mind to a rout; Wing'd Hermes was order'd to rap at each door, Who finil'd at commands never given before.---Let the deities know that Apollo's at home, And begs they will do him the honour to come. Upon hearing the news mark Diana the prude; "What, go to the god who to Daphne was rude? " My compliments make; I'm engag'd on that day, "And have bus'ness below too that can't be faid nay." -The house put in order the chairs in a row, Apollo as fine and perfum'd as a beau, Puts on his white glove and conducts the guests in; The goddesses come all dress'd out to a pin: The tea carry'd round for the ladies if dry, To Juno the first, to the rest by and by; The nectar I mean, for a goddess, d'ye see, Sips nectar when thirsty instead of green tea.---

The card tables plac'd and the parties all made,
At games most in fashion the company play'd;
When lo, Venus was miss'd!---" why where is she flown?

- "They cry out all at once, she can ne'er be alone:
- " And what is still stranger the men are all here!
- " She's come to some dreadful disaster we fear."

These words were repeated again and again;

When a rap at the door puts them out of their pain;

Fair Venus comes laughing .-- " Ill tell you fine news,

- " I'm just come from earth, so my dress you'll excuse;
- " (But first my respects to Apollo I pay,
- " And apology make for my keeping away.)
- "You know that I'm curious, I thought it was odd
- " That Diana alone shou'd refuse the bright god;
- " At a distance I follow'd, and what did I see
- " But Endymion with her playing under a tree!
- " The maid was so fond you'd have sworn it was me.
- " She had bufiness you see, she has told you no lye,
- 56 She's no better than me, but a little more fly."

The company parted all ready to burst, in a vir yight? And happy was she, that cou'd tell it the first. To suspect you, ye Prudes, cannot now be thought rude; Diana herself 'till found out was a Prude.

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44 A bell ty'd round bis neck will let us

MICE, a FABLE.

THE harras'd Mice in convocation sat,
On ways and means to circumvent the Cat;
To save their fortunes and secure the state,
Which scheme the best, occasion'd wise debate;
They weigh'd and canvass'd ev'ry specious plan;
All were rejected by the grave divan.
At length a florid young and travell'd Mouse
With pert assurance thus harangu'd the house:
"Vers'd tho' I am not in the musty rules,

- " And shallow learning of pedantic schools,
 " Nor hoary age hath surrow'd deep my cheek,
- "Yet youth can think, and as it thinks will speak;

- " Haply my mind fuggests a rare device
- From the fierce Cat to fave the harmless Mice;
- " That green-ey'd monster shall no longer prey
- " On our devoted heads, and killing play;
- 66 A bell ty'd round his neck will let us know
- "Timely th'approach of our infidious foe;
- " Ourselves, our wives, and children thus at ease
- " May tread the loft and feast on cheshire cheese;
- " May fafely pace the dairy's cleanly round,
- "Where feas of milk, unfathom'd feas! are found.
- " May nightly visit the rich larder's store,
- " And not a cat shall e'er devour us more.
- "Thanks to kind heav'n, it is referv'd for me
- " To fave our race, and fet the people free."

He ceas'd, with conscious pride resum'd his place,

And wip'd with curling tail his sweaty face.

Th'applauding multitude of Mice approve,

And wish some Mouse of consequence wou'd move

The thanks of the whole house; for sage and clear

Of all objection did the scheme appear.

When

When rose for wisdom fam'd an hoary Mouse,
Silent 'till now; th' indulgence of the house
He smiling pray'd,—" The member that spoke last,

- " In my opinion feems to run too fast,
- " And in his hurry has forgot to tell,
- " What doughty hero will tye on the bell."

MARBLE-HILL.

And converse hold, I know not how,

Can enter into high debate,
And settle all their little state,
I had from one that understood
The jargon of th' adjacent wood.
One day they met by joint consent,
And chose the Raven president;
No orator was he, like Pitt,
But for the destin'd office sit:
His voice, tho' hoarse, was strong and good,
And might be heard throughout the wood:

They rife---he beg'd their longer flay

To hear some words he had to say;

" O feather'd tribe, that chant so sweet,

" I move you that your fynod meet;

" That our full chorus be begun

" Before to morrow's rising fun.

"This tribute custom bids us pay,

" To celebrate the first of May:

" With haft'ning wing let's cut the air,

" And strait to * Marble-Hill repair:"

Arriv'd, before they go to rest

They feek the spot will suit them best,

To tune their notes to fragrant May,

And joyous hop from spray to spray.

The grotto is the place, they cry.

The fittest for our melody:

There orange trees sweet odours send,

With flowers their loaded branches bend;

The scatter'd blossoms friendly meet,

To make a carpet for the feet;

The

^{*} The Villa of Henrietta Countess Dowager of Suffolk at Twickenham.

The myrtle and the laurel green and subsequently with the soil With roses beautify the scene; The jasmin and the lilac too Deserve, and justly claim, their due; In delicacy never beat, They make the charming scene compleat: Flow'rs of each hue in knots around Diversify th' enamel'd ground: The rustic grot, tho' nam'd the last, Adds beauty by the fine contrast: Huge trees, and rocks conjunctive rife, To hide this spot from vulgar eyes. The Songsters here, with chearful notes, Extend their emulating throats, In extafy devoutly pay Their duty to delightful May.---The croaking Raven tries in vain To tempt the vagrants back again; Grown Birds of taste, they vow and swear No earthly pleasure they will share:

For earthly pleasure much too nice,

They now are Birds of Paradise.

THE

City-Mouse and Country-Mouse,

A F A B L E.

A Lady Mouse of Berkeley-square
Dies for a little country air;

With galloping from rout to rout,

Her puny carcase is worn out.

A London mile, or something more,

Now leads her to a cottage door,

Where dwells content an humble Mouse,

Her cousin, mistress of the house.

The London dame, with airs and graces

Convuls'd, her cousin thus addresses.——

- "Long have I wish'd, my dear, 'tis true,
- "To come and ask you how you do:
- " But weighty business will prevent
- "The kindest and the best intent.

- "Your hour of dinner can't be o'er,
- "St. James's has but just struck four;
- " In the great world no Mouse alive
- " Can bear to dine 'till after five."---

The country Mouse was forc'd to own

That she had always din'd by one;

However she wou'd do her best,

To entertain her lady guest.

In wond'rous haste the cloth is spread,

Then oatmeal, bacon, peafe and bread,

The last remains of all her hoard,

Cover the hospitable board.

- " I wish your mouseship may be able
- "To make a meal at my poor table;
- " I hope another time you'll fend
- "When fuch an honour you intend;
- " It shou'd have been my greatest care
- " To have procur'd more dainty fare."
 - "Oh, no excuses, cries the dame,
- " Impertinently looking blame;

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" How many flaves for me prepare " A banquet which the gods might share!" The company, at break of day, Ring for their chairs and go away; Bleft minute for our little Mice! Who leave their corner in a trice; Tafte ev'ry foup and high ragout, Of colour, yellow, red, and blue: O'er walks of gravel run alert, Which lead them through the rich defert; Demolish half the tow'r of Babel That grac'd the middle of the table; Cull fweetmeats from each shrub and tree, Of all the curious forts they fee; Whilst in the glasses the vain creatures Steal a fond look at their own features. The rural Mouse now scorns her cell, And to the country bids farewell: Disdains insipid peace and quiet; Adores the very thought of riot: When lo! grown loud by dint of ale, An heap of men the door affail; And fav'rite Chloe yelping comes, With all her puppies, for the crumbs. No wonder if our Mice they scare, Who scamp'ring run from chair to chair; To hide, or get away unable; The reeling posse clear the table; Then with a bounce clap to the door, And quiet once again restore. The London dame refumes her airs, Is shock'd to see such aukward bears; Yet hopes her cousin will pursue The ways of pleasure, always new; Variety is never thought However purchas'd, dearly bought. The rural Mouse with fright half dead, Bred up in truth and freedom faid, "This house I own is wond'rous fine, " In grandeur too you fup and dine;

- "But ease and quiet I prefer
- "To restless pride and anxious care:
- " Cautious I'll shun the golden bait,
- " And never fup again in state.

TO THE

DUKE of DORSET,

On his BIRTH-DAY.

A CCEPT, with unambitious views,
The tribute of a female muse;
Free from all flattery and art,
She only boasts an honest heart;
An heart, that truly seels your worth,
And hails the day that gave you birth.
Of younger men let others boast,
Dorset shall be my constant toast;
Nor need the gayer world be told,
That Dorset never can grow old;
All with unerring truth agree,
There's none so blith, so gay, as he:

With sprightly wit his jokes abound,
Well bred he deals good humour round:
The maid forgets her fav'rite swain,
When Dorset speaks, he sighs in vain:
The lover too do all he can,
Strives but in vain to hate the man.
With this kind wish I end my lays,
Be ever young with length of days.

TO

Lady ELIZABETH GERMAIN,

On her BIRTH-DAY.

That tempts my muse to tune her lay;

Her gratefull lay, her sweetest strain:

Why from thy praise shou'd I refrain?

Why not with humble pen proclaim

My joy and pride, thy virtuous same?

May social pleasure, void of strife,

Gild the calm ev'ning of thy life!

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With loud huzzas thy health goes round,
And ecchoing roofs thy health refound;
Than either Gunning honour'd more;
A darling toaft of feventy-four!
In the mild luftre of whose eye
Beam still the rays of Charity;
Diffusing sweetness o'er thy face;
Sweetness, that well supplies the place
Of roses, which in early spring
The little loves were wont to bring:
Where sober Wisdom and fair Truth
Smiling forget the loss of youth.
If age so many lovers gain,
Each girl will wish to be Germain.

TO THE

DUCHESS of DORSET,

On her BIRTH-DAY, April 1st.

YE sweetest shrubs with blossom gay,
That never us'd to slow'r 'til May,

Expand your leaves, and prove your worth; Let April morn now call ye forth! Avaunt rude frost and north-east wind; Come gentle Zephyr ever kind, Attended with refreshing rain, lody to enhal blim edit af Come dress the woods and deck the plain; Smile on our joys and festive mirth, For know this day gave Dorset birth. But fee the gay procession move To chearfull pipes, from yonder grove; Of woodland nymphs a fprightly band With each a garland in her hand; Play-full to crown her chosen fawn, That trips it with her on the lawn. O'er couslips wan, o'er spiry grass With daifies py'd, so light they pass, The wild thyme, and the vi'let fweet Escape the touch of their swift feet. O'er many a hill and verdant dale They reach at length the facred vale,

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Of Dryads old the fav'rite place,
Where spreading oaks the woodland grace,
Where ruins mark Time's pow'rfull hand:
The mossy walls that tott'ring stand,
Seem strengthen'd by the ivy's twine,
Which o'er the breaches kindly join.
Near these is seen the rural cell,
Where Pan himself wou'd joy to dwell.
The nymphs with myrtle strew the way,
And thus begin their roundelay.

- " Here gentle Dorset void of pride,
- " Retiring lays her state aside;
- " Here, weighs with philosophic mind
- "The various woes of human kind:
- " Her tender heart feels all their grief,
- " Her gen'rous hand supplys relief;
- " The worthy object Prudence shews,
- " And Charity the gift bestows.
- " We fing of Dorfet great and good,
- " Protectress of our facred wood:

- " Of Dorfet, by whose taste and care,
- "Such scenes and vernal sweets we share,
- "Range undisturb'd through ev'ry grove,
- " And facrifice to peace and Love.
- " Accept our thanks on bended knee,
- "Great patroness of liberty:
- " Long may the pride of rifing May,
- "Yield to the charms of April day!"

The fun bursts forth in brightest rays,

To shew the god confirms the praise.

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LADY and the SPIDER,

A F A B L E.

THERE liv'd, no matter when or where,
In days of old a dame most fair;

For cleanliness a proverb grown,
No house so neat in all the town:

Each crack and corner of the room

Was dusted well by cloth and broom;

For shou'd a Spider there be found, that slive it sleed o'l' The maids were furely scolded round. at to Allini flore I Yet oft these cunning insects lie of bas b'yo robige od? Unfeen to the most prying eye. But thus to deviate I'm to blame; How shall I introduce my Dame? Carving at dinner shall she be, Or breakfasting on bohea tea? At breakfast then a knife was laid, Of polish'd steel the shining blade: She feiz'd a roll with eager hand, And of the knife had no command: She cut a piece of bread 'tis true, But with the bread her finger too: The trickling blood ran on the floor, She bled a pint or may be more. Th'affrighted maid knelt by her fide, To stop the blood she vainly try'd. A Spider huge, by all unfeen, Perchance was left behind the fereen:

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The Spider cry'd and shook his head, innue sheds the to W.

- "Tis time to speak, she's almost dead.
- " Here take my web and wrap the wound,
- "Therein the strongest styptic's found.
- " Now learn, fair Lady, learn from me
- "Good-nature and humanity;
- " And may this merit end our strife,
- "You fought my death, I give you life.

She file'd a roll with cager band.

DUCHESS of LEEDS,

Who being ill desir'd me to send her a Copy of Verses to cure her.

HOEBUS, 'tis faid, in ancient times In physic dealt, as well as rhymes; Two sciences in one cou'd blend, Which on each other much depend.

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And of the knile end

But modern quacks have loft the art,

Like him, to touch the human heart,

And reach of life: the facred feat

They know not how the pulfes beat:

Yet take their fee and write their bill,

In barb'rous profe refolv'd to kill.

But I, who long to fave the life

Of the best mother, friend, and wife,

Send to your grace my magic spell,

---And now I know you're mighty well.

The LION in Love,

A FABLE.

WHEN brutes cou'd speak, it came to pass,
A Lion met a Country-Lass,
Who lightly trip'd it o'er the green,
A fairer maid was never seen.
He shap'd to smiles his savage jaw;
He wag'd his tail and smooth'd his paw.

That wounded through his hide his heart.

But notwithstanding all his graces,

His awkward court and soft grimaces,

Th' affrighted Maid attempts to fly;

Her trembling limbs their aid deny.--
The Lion thus---" Your flight forbear,

"From me no danger need you fear;

- " An humble supplicant I come,
- "Yourself the mistress of my doom;
- " Unless one pitying look you lend,
- "You kill your lover and your friend.
- " Mankind you long have triumph'd o'er,
- " But now you boaft of fomething more:
- " A stately Lion licks your hand,
- " And couching lies at your command.
- "Be then my wife, my joy, my pride,
- " And let your reason be my guide."

The blushing virgin turns away,

And answers thus in dire dismay:

- "On fudden marriage to agree, tagin of softised sid!"
- " May call in doubt my modesty; and red mod lew is
- " My father first must give consent." will along back "

Then curtfy'd low and home she went.---

- "Father, she crys, your ear prepare nomed to land.
- " A new and wond'rous tale to hear."

Scarce had she told the story o'er,

When lo! the lover at the door.

In stalks the Lion with an air;

- " Make hafte and bring my blooming fair:
- " For know we think it right and good
- "To make her part'ner of our wood.--The father then in humble guize,

And artfull language, thus replies:

- "Great Sir, you condescend, I own,
- " To let a ploughman call you fon;
- "But yet the honour's purchas'd dear
- " If she her hand bestow in fear.
- " Pluck out your teeth and pare your claws,
- " Such flatt'ry best will plead your cause;

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"This facrifice to mighty love
"Will from her heart all fear remove: ob ni llas valu so
And proofs like these must surely win her;
"Then leave to me the wedding dinner:
" And for the monarch of the wood
"A feast shall be prepar'd of blood."
Love bids the blinded Lion yield;
The articles are fign'd and feal'd:
The lawyers all she asks appoint her,
Half Libya's forests are her jointure.
Without or tooth, or tufk, or claw, which was a second
To keep his lovely bride in awe,
He smiling paces, whines in trebble;
And lifps like Garrick acting fribble.
The farmer hails the golden hour
That gives the tyrant to his pow'r:
With club up-lifted cleaves his head,
And lays the love-fick monster dead.
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ANT and FLY,

A FABLE.

A Contest 'rose 'twixt Ant and Fly
Concerning their precedency.

The Fly begins with warmth and pride

The point in question to decide:

- " Can fuch a grov'ling infect dare
- "With the transparent Fly compare?
- "With me who never did difgrace
- "By work the lustre of my race!
- " Hence, crawl away, for crawl you must,
- " Born to enjoy your molehill dust.
- "While I the balmy moisture sip
- " From Hamilton's or Richmond's lip,
- "The unregarded lover fighs,
- " And views my blifs with envious eyes.

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- "When, to avert impending woes,
- " The priests a facrifice expose;
- "Before the gods themselves I taste
- " The reeking entrails of the beaft:
- " In folemn temples fit in state,
- " And always mingle with the great.
- " To kings and princes am fo near,
- " I fometimes gain the royal ear:
- " At choicest tables eat and drink,
- "Nor ever on the morrow think."--The Ant, compos'd with decent pride,
 And equal temper, thus reply'd:
- "Wretches you know of ev'ry kind
- " Seek and at altars refuge find:
- " About the ladies too each fop,
- " Altho' despis'd, may buzz and hop:
- " At court may show his shallow pate
- " The object of contempt and hate.
- "Who wou'd not wish to be a guest
- " Invited to a splendid feast;

- "Yet must I hold it monstrous rude,
- "When uninvited to intrude:
- " And tho' you think it mighty fine
- " Before the gods themselves to dine,
- " Partake of each libation pure,
- "In taste a perfect epicure;
- " Have not these grov'ling eyes oft seen
- " A certain person, passing clean,
- " With luscious pleasure suck and eat
- " A rich ragout, not over fweet,
- " That lay behind the city wall,
- " Leaving no fcraps, but eat it all?
- " With cold and hunger almost dead
- " In Winter, where's your hoard of bread?
- " In Summer long I fweat and toil,
- " In picking grain from ev'ry foil;
- " With wholesome corn my house I store,
- " Proud, by my work, to feed the poor:
- " And when I pay that debt to fate,
- "Which you must pay, however great;

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" Which you must pay, bowever great;

- From fome kind hand I only crave lod I have belt in
- "These lines, to grace my humble grave.---
 - " Here lies a fmall industrious Ant,
- "Who died not rich, but far from want;
- "Happy in life; in death refign'd;
- "To flies a leffon---and mankind."

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VERSES

SENT TO

*LADY CHARLES SPENCER

With a painted TAFFETY,

Occasioned by faying she was low in pocket and could not buy a new Gown.

SINCE the times are so bad and are still growing worse, You may make this your own without sinking your purse.

The nymphs and the fauns fay the pattern is new,
And that Flora's gay pencil defign'd it, is true;
It was finish'd and destin'd for Beauty's fair queen;
So to whom it belongs is most easily seen.
Tho' flow'rets soon wither, yet these will not die,
When fading reviv'd by a beam from your eye:
If you only breathe on them they'll fill the whole room
With sweets far surpassing Arabia's persume.
Resuse not this trifle; your title is clear,
And Spencer will vouch it, tho' married a year.

^{*} Mary Beauclerc, daughter of lord Vere, and wife of lord Charles Spencer.

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